

ARIZONANS ARE READY FOR A NEW DIRECTION

Under the leadership of President Bush and his Republican allies in Congress, life has become more difficult for Arizonans. Here are some of the ways that life has become less affordable and secure in Arizona. Democrats are working for real security, better jobs, college access for all, energy independence, affordable health care, and retirement security. It's time for a new direction in Arizona.

INCOME: ARIZONANS ARE BARELY EARNING MORE TODAY THAN THEY WERE FIVE YEARS AGO

- In 2000, the median income in Arizona was \$44,217.¹
- In 2005, the median income in Arizona was \$45,279, a modest increase of 2.4 percent.²

HEALTH CARE: THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED IN ARIZONA HAS GROWN UNDER BUSH REPUBLICANS

- In 2000, Arizona had 812,000 adults without insurance (16.2 percent).³
- In 2005, Arizona had 1,219,000 adults without insurance (20.2 percent).⁴
- Arizona had 88,005 children benefit from the SCHIP Program.⁵

EDUCATION: THE COST OF COLLEGE CONTINUES TO RISE IN ARIZONA

- In 2001, tuition at a public four-year institution in Arizona was \$ 7,872.⁶ In 2005, it was \$ 10,863, a 38 percent increase.⁷
- In 2001, tuition at a private four-year institution in Arizona was \$ 14,935.⁸ In 2005, it was \$ 19,448, a 30 percent increase.⁹
- Number of Arizonans affected by the lapse of the College Tuition Tax Deduction – 74,301¹⁰
- Number of Arizonans affected by the lapse of the Educator Expenses Tax Deduction – 62,481¹¹

GAS PRICES: THE HIGH COST OF GAS CONTINUES TO BE A BURDEN FOR ARIZONA RESIDENTS

- In 2001, the average cost of gas in Arizona was \$1.465 a gallon.¹²
- Today the average cost of gas in Arizona is \$2.432 a gallon.¹³
- In 2001, the average annual cost of gas for a household in Arizona was \$2,126.¹⁴
- Today the average annual cost of gas for a household in Arizona is \$3,529, \$1,403 (66 percent) more than it was in 2001.¹⁵

SOCIAL SECURITY: ARIZONANS DON'T WANT AN END TO SOCIAL SECURITY

- Number of Social Security Beneficiaries in Arizona – 858,460 ¹⁶
- Average Monthly Benefit per Beneficiary in Arizona – \$894 ¹⁷

IRAQ, TROOPS AND VETERANS: ARIZONANS ON THE FRONT LINES

- Number of Arizonans killed in Iraq – 63¹⁸
- Number of Arizonans wounded in Iraq – 427¹⁹
- Number of Arizonans killed in Afghanistan – 6²⁰
- Number of Arizonans wounded in Afghanistan – 23²¹
- Number of Veterans in Arizona – 555,223²²

REPUBLICANS CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR GIVEAWAYS FOR A WEALTHY MINORITY WHILE IGNORING ARIZONA'S MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS

- Only 619 Estates in Arizona paid an Estate Tax in 2004.²³
- Only 113 Estates in Arizona will benefit from the Estate Tax cut in 2009.²⁴
- In contrast, 148,000 workers in Arizona would benefit from an increase in the minimum wage.²⁵

CRIME: FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY POLICING DISAPPEARING

- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2002 – \$16,882,447 ²⁶
- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2006 – \$4,696,725 ²⁷

TAX CUTS: BUSH TAX POLICIES BENEFIT THE WEALTHIEST ARIZONANS

The Bush tax cuts have overwhelmingly benefited the wealthiest Arizonans.

- In 2001, the richest one percent of Arizona residents each received an average of \$2,413 in tax cuts, while middle class Arizona residents received only \$366.²⁸
- In 2006, the richest one percent of Arizona residents will receive an average of \$35,229 in tax cuts, while middle class Arizona residents will only receive \$649.²⁹
- In 2010, under the Bush tax plan, the richest one percent of Arizona residents will each receive an average of \$70,858 in tax cuts, while middle class Arizona residents will only receive \$792.³⁰

The richest Arizonans receive an ever-growing share of the Bush tax cut.

- In 2001, the richest Arizonans received 5.7 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class received 17.0 percent of the tax cut.³¹
- But, in 2006, the richest Arizonans will get 23.0 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 9.2 percent of the tax cut.³²
- And, in 2010, the richest Arizonans will get 43.4 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 9.7 percent of the tax cut.³³

Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts overwhelmingly benefit the wealthiest Arizonans .

- In 2010, the richest Arizonans will receive an average of \$11,252 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That means the richest Arizonans will be getting 45.7 percent of all of the tax cut benefit.³⁴
- In contrast, in 2010, middle class Arizonans will receive an average of \$84 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That's just 6.6 percent of the benefit going to the middle class.³⁵

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